

## AMERICAN DESCRIBES SCENE ON PERSIA AS SHE WAS TORPEDOED

CHAS. GRANT, SURVIVOR, WAS  
IN THE DINING SALOON  
EATING DINNER.

### FLOATED ON RAFT 15 HOURS

Many of Those Saved Declare Liner  
Was Torpedoed Without  
Warning.

(Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 4.—Beyond the bare fact that there was no loss of life when the Peninsular & Oriental liner Geelong, 5000 tons, was sunk in the Mediterranean, no details are at hand.

London, Jan. 4.—A telegraphic list of the survivors of the Persia received here from Alexandria does not include American Consul McNeely, but does include Charles Grant, who with McNeely, were the only Americans on board the liner.

According to Consul Skinner of London, eleven of the survivors, including Lord Montague, who landed at Malta, declare that the Persia had been sunk without warning.

#### Grant Described Scene.

Charles Grant, the American, has reached Alexandria. Describing the scene when the Persia was struck he said: "I was in the dining saloon at 1:05 p. m. and had just finished my soup. The steward was asking me what I would take for my second course when a terrific explosion occurred. Smoke and steam from the boiler filled the saloon and there was a sound of breaking glass. There was no panic.

#### Floated On Raft.

"After floating on a raft until 4 o'clock in the morning I saw five boats and soon I was pulled into one of them. Several hours later the occupants of the boats were picked up by a cruiser.

"It was a horrible scene," continued Grant. "The water was as black as ink. Some of the passengers were screaming, while others called 'Good bye.' Those in one boat were singing hymns."

London, Jan. 4.—The Peninsular and Oriental line steamer Geelong has been sunk in the Mediterranean. The Geelong was a steel steamer of 7,551 tons, about the same size as the Persia, and was built in 1904. This is the third announcement of the sinking of a big British liner in three days.

#### Three More Sent Down.

London, Jan. 4.—Three merchant ships, one of them larger than any vessel sunk since the Arabic was torpedoed, followed the British liner Persia to the graveyard of hulks in the Eastern Mediterranean.

While the loss of life reported is small, the new series of disasters ascribed to Austrian submarines for the moment distracted the attention of the British press and public from the sinking of the Persia. The suggestion was heard that all British liners may hereafter change their routes to avoid the perilous zone where the submarines are operating.

The 9,000-ton steamer Glengyle of the Glen line of Glasgow was sunk in the Mediterranean on Sunday. She had on board 120 passengers and crew. All, with the exception of three Europeans and seven Chinese, were saved.

The steamer St. Oswald, in the service of the British government, was sunk while en route from Alexandria to Mudros island. The St. Oswald was of 3,810 tons gross. Her crew is also reported to have been saved.

The third vessel sunk was the Japanese liner Kenkon Maru of the Inui Gomei Kaisha Shipping company. The crew was saved.

The Glengyle, originally built for Pacific freight trade, was on her second voyage from the Orient and carried ten passengers, of whom some are reported to be Americans.

#### Japanese Warships to Suez.

Tokyo, Jan. 4.—Announcement is made by the Jiji Shimoo that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping. It is said the armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chitose have been assigned for this service. This action follows the sinking of two Japanese steamships in the Mediterranean.

#### U. S. to Ignore One Sinking.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Lansing indicated that the United States probably will take no step in the case of the Japanese liner Pasaka Maru, torpedoed in the Mediterranean, because W. J. Leigh, the only lost passenger who was supposed to have been an American, never established his American citizenship. Leigh was born of American parents in China.

## Cost Of Caring For Charges Of State Increases

Illinois Now Spending \$20,000,  
000 Biennially Outside Pen-  
al Institutions

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—A census of the population of the state charitable institutions of Illinois, just completed, shows a total of 29,029 inmates or an increase of 1,843 over a year ago.

Fred J. Kern of Belleville, president of the state board of administration, which directs and controls the nineteen institutions of the state, attributes this increase to the abolition of all forms of punishment. He says people are now no longer afraid to commit their unfortunate relatives to the care of the state. Illinois is spending approximately \$20,000,000 biennially caring for its charges, and this figure does not include the state's penal institutions.

## THINK FALL FROM TOWER WAS FATAL

CORONER STEPHAN INVESTIGATES  
DEATH OF JOHN NESS,  
STEWART FARM HAND.

### BODY FOUND AT FOOT OF MILL

Coroner George Stephan was called from Ashton to Stewart this morning to conduct an inquest into the death of John Ness who, it is almost certain, was killed by a fall from a windmill at the Nels Arne farm near Stewart at about 9 o'clock Monday evening. The jury was impaneled and the inquest started this afternoon.

Ness, who was employed at the Arne farm, left the house at 9 o'clock Monday evening to attend the windmill for the night. He failed to return and after half an hour search was instigated, the man was found dead on the ground at the foot of the tower. It is believed he had climbed the mill to adjust some wires and slipped and fell to his death.

## INLET JURY NEARING END OF IT LABORS

SPENT TODAY AT SHAW FARM IN  
LEE CENTER—REPORT  
NEXT WEEK.

This morning the Inlet drainage jury went out to view the mouth of Sand creek where it empties into the main ditch on the Sherman Shaw farm. The drainage commissioners propose to have a reservoir, dam and spill-way built at the mouth of the creek to stop sand from washing into the main ditch. Mr. Shaw alleges the dam will cause the water in the creek to back up and at times overflow his land. Tomorrow the jury will start revising the assessment roll and prepare their report and it is expected they will be ready to report some time next week.

### MRS. LAURA J. AVEY DIED TODAY

Mrs. Laura J. Avey, mother of Mrs. H. C. Rose and Mrs. Oliver Spellman of this city, passed away this morning at 11 o'clock, aged 69. Funeral service will be held at the Lutheran church in Mt. Morris Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with burial at the Mt. Morris cemetery. Mrs. Avey was a native of Hagerstown, Md., and in addition to her two daughters, is survived by three sons, Ferdinand, Solomon and Edward, all of Mt. Morris.

## MILLIONS RECRUIT IN ENGLAND

Lord Derby's Figures for Two Months  
Show Large Offerings.

(Associated Press)

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting figures for the period between Oct. 23 and Dec. 1 show that 1,150,000 unmarried men and 1,679,000 married men presented themselves for service. Of these 103,000 single and 112,000 married men enlisted immediately, and 849,000 single and 1,345,000 married men were attested for future service. 207,000 single and 222,000 married men were not accepted by the recruiting officers.

## BLUNDERS IN WAR MANAGEMENT CAUSE BREACH IN BRITISH POLITICAL TRUCE



Photo of Lord Northcliffe (No. 1) by American Press Association.

The United Kingdom now witnesses a general abandonment of the truce between the political parties, which was observed during the early months of the war and which apparently was cemented for the duration of the war when the coalition government was formed. There is a steady growth of the newspaper attacks on the government, the general burden of which is the slowness, the lack of foresight and decision, and the mismanagement of the Dardanelles enterprises. While all newspapers disclaim partisan motives, all the more prominent journals participating in the opposition belong to the Conservative party, with the exception of the Manchester Guardian. The newspapers generally hold Premier Asquith responsible for the conduct of affairs. The Lord Northcliffe group, headed by the Times and the Daily Mail, now as heretofore the most bitter critics of the Asquith government, with the support of the Morning Post, was joined by the Observer, which is the foremost Sunday paper of London, and the Referee, which has a large following among the masses. David Lloyd-George is the leading candidate advanced for succession, but other prominent Britons, such as Viscount Haldane, former secretary of state for war; Lord Curzon, former viceroy of India, were also mentioned. In the pictures No. 1 is Lord Northcliffe; No. 2, Lord Haldane; No. 3, Lord Curzon; No. 4, Lloyd-George; No. 5, Asquith.

## "BIG BROTHER" HEAD WILL ATTEND ELKS' MEETING ON MONDAY

CHAIRMAN OF GRAND LODGE  
COMMITTEE WILL BE IN  
THIS CITY.

### IS TO BE A ROLL-CALL MEETING

Grand Lodge Has Ordered That the  
Roll of Members Be Called  
Monday Night.

The meeting of Dixon lodge No. 779, B. P. O. E., next Monday evening will be one of especial importance to start the new year, and the presence of a distinguished visitor, John T. Reilly, of Hammond, Ind., will add to the importance of the session.

By order of the Grand Lodge every lodge in the country will hold a roll call meeting their first meeting night this year, consequently it is imperative that every member attend next Monday night's session.

#### Big Brother Movement.

The presence of John T. Reilly at Monday's meeting has to do with the "Big Brother" movement which the Elks conduct everywhere. Mr. Reilly is chairman of the Grand Lodge committee on Big Brother movement and his address will tell of the work as it is conducted.

The Big Brother movement is the greatest thing in Elkdom. Everywhere members of the lodge act as "big brothers" to boys who do not have a chance, whose environments lead them into bad ways. Whenever such a case is discovered some one of the "Big Brothers" stands sponsor for the lad, watches his progress, advises him, and in fact performs the duties and guardianship of an elder brother to the unfortunate lad.

In the larger communities this movement has assumed great proportions and Mr. Reilly will tell of some of the truly good things that have been accomplished. The house committee will serve a banquet after the meeting.

### EPIDEMIC MOST SERIOUS

(Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 4.—The most serious epidemic of influenza ever known in this country is causing many deaths.

George Kendall was here from Freeport today.

## WAR SUMMARY

(Associated Press)

The British cabinet today considered the latest draft of the compulsory bill. All papers in England agree that Ireland will be excluded from the bill, which it is believed would bring 200,000 into the army.

#### Russ Win Positions.

According to Petrograd there has been fierce fighting with heavy losses for the enemy on the front from Volhynia to Bukovina.

#### Secretary Resigned.

The announcement was made today in the British house of commons that Sir John Simony, secretary of state for home affairs, has resigned.

## MENDOTA MAN WAS KILLED BY I. C. TRAIN

JESSE STRAUSS, COAL DRIVER,  
DROVE ON TRACK IN FRONT  
OF FAST TRAIN.

Mendota, Ill., Jan. 4.—Jesse Strauss, driver of one of Landan's coal wagons, was struck and instantly killed by an Illinois Central passenger train at 8:12 o'clock Monday morning as he drove in front of the train at the crossing at the north end of the city. It is thought Strauss drove onto the track without looking in either direction, as the morning was clear and at the crossing there is a good view of the track. Both horses were killed also.

### ICE ON RIVER IS DANGEROUS

People who know the river conditions tsate that young people should stay off the ice as it is wearing away underneath and is really dangerous. Two skaters are reported to have broken through Monday and the present weather conditions tend to further melt the crystal.

## THE WEATHER

Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1916

Probably increasing cloudiness tonight and Wednesday; warmer.



## Junk Ordinance Goes Into Effect In Dixon Friday

License Is Required Under Law-  
Council Meeting Was  
Featureless

Mayor Henry Schmidt being confined to his home by illness, Commissioner of Finance George Smith acted as mayor pro tem at the session of the city council this morning. The monthly bills in the sum of \$2277.77 were read and ordered paid. A petition was presented asking that the assessment for the brick pavement on West Third street against property owned by the Catherine Cupp estate, lot 3 in block 54, West Dixon, be divided and the petition was granted.

City Clerk Grover stated that the ordinance licensing junk dealers in the city would become effective on January 7. All dealers must pay to the city \$50 for a license and \$10 for each wagon they have out collecting junk within the city.

## ARMORED AUTO IN DIXON DURING NIGHT

U. S. ARMY MACHINE, WITH RAP-  
ID FIRE GUNS, ATTRACT-  
ED NOTICE.

### ENROUTE TO KENOSHA FACTORY

A Jeffrey automobile, armored with five-millimeter steel and carrying a number of rapid fire machine guns, part of the equipment of the Rock Island arsenal, spent the night at the Nettz garage in Dixon, enroute from Rock Island to Kenosha, Wis., where the car is to be overhauled by its manufacturers.

The truck, of which the U. S. army possesses several, attracted a great deal of attention here. It is of 125 inch wheel base and the wheels are of solid steel with solid rubber tires. On top of the machine is a steel revolving turret in which are mounted the machine guns, and the sides are equipped with portholes through which the occupants can shoot rifles. The auto has two separate gear shifts and steering apparatus, one to operate it on forward speeds, the other on reverse, and it is capable of the same speed in either direction.

## MAY HAVE LOCATED THE STOLEN OUTFIT

HORSE AND BUGGY OF HAMILTON  
MAN MAY BE IN FREE-  
PORT LIVERY.

The horse and rig that were stolen from the streets of Walnut about two weeks ago, belonging to a man working on the Bernard Kegwin farm in Hamilton township, are thought to have been located. About ten days ago a stranger drove into a livery barn at Freeport and left a rig and as yet the outfit has been unclaimed and the chief of police there in talking with Chief Tourtellott of this city a few days ago asked if a rig was missing from this locality and a description of the outfit stolen from Walnut was given. The horse tallies well but the buggy is a different make than that belonging to the Hamilton man. Mr. Kegwin was in Dixon today and will likely go to Freeport to look over the outfit.

### COUNTRY CLUB BOOSTERS TO MEET

Mass Meeting Will Be Held at City  
Hall Tonight at 8 o'clock.

A mass meeting of more than ordinary importance will be held at the city hall at 8 o'clock this evening to consider ways and means for establishing a country club here. The committee appointed some time ago will report on possible sites for such an institution and it is quite likely that an organization will be perfected at this evening's gathering to further the promotion of the club. Everyone interested is asked to attend this evening's meeting.

County Clerk F. G. Dimick and County Treasurer J. E. Moyer motored to Eldena today to look over the new county home.

## "GET COLD FACTS THEN WILL ACT" SAYS PRESIDENT

SENATORS TELL THE PRESIDENT  
SOMETHING MUST BE DONE  
IN CRISIS.

### SENATE MAY BE AROUSED

Chairman Stone Says Some Senators  
May Start Making  
Speeches.

(Associated Press)

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson today conferred with Chairman Stone and three other members of the senate committee on foreign relations regarding the submarine crisis brought about by the sinking of the P. & O. liner Persia, with the loss of American Consul McNeely.

#### Senate Losing Patience?

Senator Stone told the president that there are intimations that some of the senators are preparing to make speeches on the sinking of the ships with the loss of American lives. President Wilson is understood to have replied that the administration is doing all it can to protect American rights.

#### Wilson's Statement.

Secretary to the President Tumulty issued the following statement for Wilson: "The president and Secretary Lansing are taking every means possible to obtain the cold facts in the grave matter and will act as soon as the information is received."

This is the first time since the foreign relations of the United States became delicate at the president has conferred with the leaders of congressional committees which deal with the subject and his action met with the approval of many senators and representatives.

The senate, after a ten minute session, adjourned until tomorrow in respect to Justice Lamar.

London, Jan. 4.—Reuter's correspondent at Gibraltar cables that Edward Ross of Denver, who sailed from England on the Persia, did not land at Gibraltar.

Rome, Jan. 4.—"Survivors of the Persia saw the American consul McNeely struggle for a few moments in the water and then go down," said a news agency dispatch from Cairo.

Washington, Jan. 4.—His honeymoon cut short, President Wilson is back at Washington and in active charge of an increasingly complicated international situation. The sinking of the British steamship Persia with the loss of American life, has brought on a new crisis in the foreign relations of this government. Indications are that it may become more serious than any that has preceded it.

Official confirmation that the Persia carried at least one 4.7-inch gun has injected an element of the utmost gravity into the situation.

This was brought out by statements in the highest foreign diplomatic quarters that Germany and Austria hold that their agreements to give warnings to passenger vessels, and provide for the safety of all on board do not apply in cases where the vessels are armed.

The intimation was plain that if it is proved the Persia was sunk by a submarine the government responsible will insist that the act was justified.

#### Will Be Far Apart.

The position of the United States has been that a merchant vessel might carry guns for defense.

#### May Send Identical Notes.

American consular officers in the various ports near the scene of the disasters have been ordered to obtain affidavits and statements from survivors as to the circumstances surrounding them.

As soon as the inquiries are answered and the facts determined, it is stated upon reliable authority that an identical note will be sent to Germany, Austria, Turkey and even Bulgaria stating flatly the position of the United States and fixing absolutely the responsibility for any further violation of international law. Furthermore, there must be a clear statement of responsibility for the acts already committed and an inflexible assurance for the future.

### HOLD TOLEDO MAN FOR MURDER

(Associated Press)

Toledo, O., Jan. 4.—John Sobkowski of Toledo has been arrested in connection with the murder at South Bend, Ind., last Thursday of Henry Mussel, proprietor of a brewery and Frank Chrobot, a driver.

# Vest Pocket Essays

By GEORGE FITCH  
Author of "At Good Old Siwash"  
CIGARS.

The subject of cigars is so vast that the mere attempt to contemplate it produces dizziness and gives the type-writer bling staggers.

Over 300,000,000 men on this planet are smoking cigars each day. They consume on an average of 500,000,000 cigars daily. This means the burning of 500,000,000 pounds of tobacco, which must be made from the wood of 100 acres of forest. It means that probably 150,000,000 men are stopped daily by 150,000,000 other men who want to borrow a match. The time wasted in this operation alone is equal to 300,000,000 minutes a day, or 5,600,000 hours, or 200,000 days, or 547 years—long enough to build and completely finish a postoffice building in Chicago.

To say nothing of the time spent by each man in trying to paste down the end of his cigar so that it will not unravel and allow the backbone to fall out. The time wasted in this performance would dig a Panama canal each day.

Smoking cigars is one of the very few legal forms of arson. Each day the public ignites \$10,000,000 worth of cigars which are a total loss by evening. Cigars are made of tobacco and near tobacco and almost tobacco and quasi tobacco. They are like great singers. They go best under foreign names. This prejudice has filled our country with "La Ropera," "Burna Vila" and "San Queroseno" cigars.

## DEMENT TOWN DOINGS

Cheer up—only 158 days until we get another holiday.

Of course the bank clerks dig in before that—Washington's birthday, y'know.

The average steam laundry can do more tricks with a \$2 dress shirt in five minutes than a monkey can with a coconut.

One thing you never heard a woman brag about is her age.

**Goose Hollow Letter**  
Elmer Spinks of our midst give away nine engagement rings last year and didn't succeed in gittin' nary a one of 'em back. It's gittin' so it's costin' Elmer more to stay single than it would to support a wife.

Since Hank Perkins has been in love with the grass widdler down by the crossroads he has lost four fingers at the saw mill. His mind hasn't been on his work.

**Christmas Remembrances.**  
My wife is well remembered by The friends who send the Christmas box;  
A dozen gifts of value she is bound to get, but as for me, Oh, I get socks.

My daughter's presents fill a room;  
Her suitors gaily spend their rocks in large amounts to make her glad;  
But when they buy gifts for her dad, They buy me socks.  
My nieces all get loads of gifts,  
From diamond rings to shares of stocks;  
But at the tree on Christmas eve I know just what I shall receive;  
Y's, surely socks.

They come in floods by parcel post,  
They come each time the postman knocks.  
There's one thing certain, I will need  
To be a bloomin' centipede  
To wear those socks.

**ELKS' REHEARSAL.**  
The chorus of the Elks' charity shows will meet for rehearsal at the club at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

**AMBOY**  
Amboy, Dec. 30—Miss Clara Poland of Kansas is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Poland.

Roy Barnhart of Somerset, Pa., is visiting at the Henry Walters home. The 5-year old son of George Dunseth submitted to an operation on his eye at the hospital.

Miss Emma MacKinnon is spending the holidays in Michigan with relatives.

Dr. Snyder of Freeport was here Monday.

Miss Helen Meeks of DeKalb college is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks.

Mrs. Houghton and daughter Miss Emma have returned from Chicago and Harvey.

Mrs. Margaret Brennen is ill at her home.

any one of which would smell as energetically under the American translation. In fact, the choice of a name for a cigar is much more important than the choice of tobacco. A "Colorado Clara" cigar will sell nicely, but any manufacturer who put a "Missouri Mabel" cigar on the market would be ruined in a month. When a manufacturer has secured a good free burning name and a gift and pink corset which will attract the eye, he is so well satisfied that he frequently does not bother about picking out any tobacco at all.

There are three grades of cigars: Good cigars, bad cigars and election cigars. Practically the only social division among men in the United States is made by the ten-cent cigar. Above the ten-cent limit are the aristocracy, the prosperous business class and the spendthrifts. Below is the plain citizen who works hard for his money and can smoke with pleasure and content a cigar that biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. A man may sell his automobile without exciting comment, but when he stops smoking ten-cent cigars and begins to smoke five-centers, with his nose care fully removed from the smoke, the world knows that something severe has happened to him.

Cigars are used for meditation purposes. Some men can only think when their brains are geared up with their puffing muscles. They are also a universal medium of good fellowship. Offer a friend a dollar and he will be insulted. Give him a piece of tarred rope with a Mother Hubbard wrapper on it, and he will thank you with tears in his eyes as he smokes. And if you get near enough to him there will be tears in your eyes also.

Mrs. Frank Walters of Aurora is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huff.

Charles Tenant returned to Freeport after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tenant.

Thos. Reid is very ill with pneumonia at his home near Lee Center.

Mrs. Mary Tenant, who recently purchased a home on Jefferson Ave., is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. Beisecker, near Lee Center.

Mrs. A. M. Pilcher is home from California.

John Brannigan of Chicago visited his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Brannigan.

Dr. W. L. Berryman and wife have returned from a visit at Apple River with relatives.

W. E. Clark is in his new home on Blackstone street.

Thurlof Clink is visiting relatives in Texas.

Miss Anna Carson of Dixon spent Wednesday with Miss Elizabeth Morris.

Mrs. Jeanette Taylor is quite ill.

Miss Josie McKeever is taking a vacation from her duties at Aschenbrenner's pharmacy.

Mrs. F. Ballou of Dixon was a guest at the C. E. Ives home Monday.

Walter Aschenbrenner is home on a vacation from the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

L. W. Berkeley of Elkhart, Ind., is here to remove the dredge machinery from the Inlet swamp drainage district, as the excavating is finished in the vicinity.

Mrs. J. E. Lewis has recovered from her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuehn of Milwaukee have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Conner.

Relatives have received word of the death of Mrs. Addie Corp of Fountain, Mich., on Dec. 15. The deceased was about 74 years of age and a former Amboy resident.

Reese Wood and daughter of Clinton, Ia., spent a few days with Mrs. N. Wood.

Glenn Purdy has returned to Peotone.

Miss Anna Carson of Dixon spent Wednesday with Miss Elizabeth Morris.

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Mrs. C. H. Zahn and family are moving to Ladd where Mr. Zahn is agent for the Burlington.

Miss Hermine Hecker is visiting in Chicago.

V. B. Andruss entertained his son, W. L. Andruss of Chicago a few days.

Miss Burton of Lowell, Ind., is visiting at the John Moran home.

Mrs. Anna Davis and daughter returned to Dixon after a visit at the F. C. Estey home.

Frank Vaughan was home from the Northwestern university to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vaughan.

R. L. Jenkins and wife were in El Paso last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark are home from Davenport.

Mrs. W. A. Green is visiting her son Howard at Cedar Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blocher entertained their son Fred of Franklin Grove, last week.

Mrs. Earl Leavens and family of La Salle visited her sister, Mrs. Lynch, last week.

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Mrs. John Haas and son are visiting at Western Springs.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Epperson are home from a visit at Prophetstown.

Mrs. E. A. Purdy is home from a visit at the W. T. Harrison home in Dixon.

Mrs. A. E. Barnest of Polo spent a few days with her son, R. O. Barnes.

Miss Stella Clayton is visiting at the J. Lyons home in Oregon.

Chas. Daehler of Omaha spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Rose Daehler.

Mrs. Emily Stone entertained at an oyster supper Friday evening.

Louis Herzog is ill at his home.

Joseph Conahan of Wenona is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. McGee.

Mrs. C. W. Maine is home from a visit in California.

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Miss Hermine Hecker is visiting in Chicago.

V. B. Andruss entertained his son, W. L. Andruss of Chicago a few days.

Miss Burton of Lowell, Ind., is visiting at the John Moran home.

Mrs. Anna Davis and daughter returned to Dixon after a visit at the F. C. Estey home.

Frank Vaughan was home from the Northwestern university to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vaughan.

R. L. Jenkins and wife were in El Paso last week.

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## STOMACH MISERY QUICKLY VANISHES

Your money back if you want it is the way in which Rowland Bros., the popular druggists, are selling Mi-o-na, the great dyspepsia remedy.

This is an unusual plan, but Mi-o-na has so much merit and is so almost invariably successful in relieving all forms of indigestion that they run but little risk in selling under a guarantee of this kind.

Do not be miserable or make your friends miserable with your dyspepsia. Mi-o-na will help you. If it doesn't, tell Rowland Bros. that you want your money back and they will cheerfully refund it.

A change for the better will be seen from the first few doses of Mi-o-na and its continued use will soon start you on the road to perfect digestion and enjoyment of food.

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Rowland Bros. give their personal guarantee of "money back if you want it" with every box of Mi-o-na that they sell. A guarantee like this speaks volumes for the merit of the remedy.

## FRANCE GRANTS DEMANDS

Agrees to Liberate Germans Who Were Taken from Four U. S. Ships.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The state department was officially informed that the French government, in response to representations made by the United States, has ordered the immediate release of Germans recently removed from four American ships on the high seas by the French cruiser Descartes.

The state department also was informed that the men arrested would be turned over to the American consul at Fort De France, Martinique, to which place they were taken for detention.

**LICENSED TO WED**  
Arthur Claude Morris, Nachusa;  
Mary Durkes Hewitt, Franklin Grove.  
Alexander C. Muir, Chicago;  
Catherine Summer, Chicago.  
Charles A. Alsmann, LeRoy;  
Gertie Clark, LeRoy.  
Ralph M. Ewald, Reynolds;  
Annie E. Koch, Reynolds.  
Lucien D. Hemenway, Steward;  
Ona McLain, Steward.

## EARLY MORNING FIRE.

A defective chimney caused a small fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lebowich, N. Hennepin avenue and Chamberlain street, shortly after midnight this morning, and the fire department was summoned. The fire was extinguished without damage.

## GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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## Society Notes of Dixon and Vicinity

### MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH FROM CONSTIPATION

If tongue is coated, breath bad, stomach ach sour, clean liver and bowels

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful today often saves a sick child tomorrow.

If your little one is out-of-sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs;" then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

#### In Sterling

Miss Hazel Kenneth was entertained over the New Year week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bishop in Sterling.

#### Entertained

Miss Neva Phillips entertained New Year's day Misses Frances Austin and Carol Welch and Glen Rynearson, H. S. Smith and James Sterling.

#### At Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Thompson and children were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Bertoli at dinner New Year's day.

#### In Albany

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rowland and sons were entertained New Year's day at the home of Mr. Rowland's brother in Albany, Ill.

#### Dinner Guests

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Byerhoff and daughter were guests at dinner Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hintz of Brookside farm.

#### At Geiger Home

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Geiger of Nelson township will entertain a number of friends at cards at their home tomorrow evening, several Dixon people being invited.

#### Cly Alty Club

The Cly Alty club will meet Thursday afternoon, instead of Wednesday, with Mrs. Fred Platten.

#### At Sunday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hays and daughter Charlotte and Floyd Stauffer were included in the list of guests entertained Sunday at a 1 o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Brimblecom and their daughter, Miss Anna.

### WELL-KNOWN PEORIA WOMAN SPEAKS.

Peoria, Ill.—"For a whole year I was down in bed and under the doctor's care. I weighed 90 pounds when I should have weighed 130 or more. Nothing seemed to get me up or give me strength until I learned of 'Favorite Prescription.' A neighbor dropped in and told me what Dr. Pierce's 'Favorite Prescription' had done for his wife. I stopped the doctor's medicine. After using the 'Prescription' I gained very fast. The second bottle completely restored my strength, and my trouble has never come back. Since I used 'Favorite Prescription' I have weighed at times over 150 pounds. It gives more strength than any other remedy."—Mrs. Lou Jones, 3230 N. Adams St., Peoria, Ill.

THIS PRESCRIPTION IS FOR YOU. If you suffer from hot flashes or dizziness, fainting spells, hysteria, headache, bearing down pains, nervousness—all are symptoms of irregularity and female disturbances and are not beyond relief. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is directed to the real cause and promptly removes the disease, suppresses the pains and nervous symptoms and thereby brings comfort in the place of prolonged misery.

It has been sold by druggists for nearly 50 years, in fluid form, at \$1.00 per bottle, giving general satisfaction. It can now be had in sugar-coated tablet form. Sold by all medicine dealers or trial box by mail on receipt of 50 cents in stamps.

Every sick woman may consult us by letter, absolutely without charge.

Write without fear as without fee, to Faculty of the Invalids' Hotel, Dr. V. M. Pierce, President, 603 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules.

**Wedding Anniversary**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Talbott of Harmon celebrated on New Year's day their 20th wedding anniversary. Guests to the number of nearly forty were invited to aid them in observing the occasion, and delightful time resulted. At noon a three course dinner was served by the hostess. Many beautiful gifts were left with the host and hostess as mementoes of the occasion.

**For Brother**  
Mrs. L. W. Newcomer entertained New Year's week end her brother, H. Schell of Newark, N. J.

**Entertained Circle**  
The North Dixon Chautauqua Circle was entertained New Year's day by Attorney and Mrs. E. E. Wingert.

**Week End Guests**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wabrath of Walnut, were week end guests at the M. C. Reese home.

**Guest at Dinner**  
Mrs. H. M. Parks of Cedar Rapids Ia., Mrs. Charles Houghton and Mrs. George Hoff of this city, Mrs. Harry Hintz of the Kingdom, and Miss Florence Rogers and friend of Chicago were among the guests entertained at a dinner given last evening by Miss Inez Palmer.

**Turkey Dinner**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gilroy of Eldena were entertained at the O. P. Smith home at a turkey dinner New Year's day.

#### Penn. Corners Aid

Last Wednesday's session of the Pennsylvania Corners Ladies Aid society was very well attended, about 35 ladies being present and a number of the church members and the official board availed themselves of the opportunity to be guests of the Aid. An excellent luncheon menu had been planned by Misses Ruth Dimmick, Helen Starnier and the Misses Cunningham, who also did the serving. One of the pleasing features of the luncheon was a liberal supply of oysters contributed by Rev. D. F. Seyster, and the ladies say that anyone wishing to emulate Mr. Seyster's good deed need not hesitate. Committees are at work preparing for the annual church dinner the date of which will be announced later.

#### G. L. G. To Elect

The G. L. G. club of the German Lutheran church will meet Thursday evening at the church for the annual election of officers.

#### Returned to Iowa City

Misses Marcella and Frances Meinert returned today to their home in Iowa City, Ia., after spending the week end with Miss Lucile Jones. While here they attended St. Mary's Guild party.

#### "Orange" Party

Mrs. Max McCrystal entertained at a delightful party last evening. The party was most cleverly evolved, the motif for the evening's entertainment being the orange. Decorations were in that cheery color while guessing contests as to the weight of an orange, the number of seeds it contained, and many others of a clever nature, formed the diversions. The lowest five in the contests were given the duty of serving the dainty luncheon, in which goodies made from oranges played an important part.

#### Guests at Schildberg Home

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Berge of near Oregon were entertained Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Schildberg.

#### Circle Will Not Meet

The Thursday Reading Circle will not meet this week because of illness of so many of the members.

#### To Entertain Club

Mrs. Louis Leydig, Mrs. Fred Hoberg and Miss Nell Fuestman will entertain the members of the Hoi Polloi club, their husbands and friends, with a party Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Leydig. The nature of the entertainment is to be a surprise.

#### Hoi Polloi Club

The Hoi Polloi club members met last evening with Mrs. Fred Hoberg of College avenue, and spent a busy evening sewing for some tiny tots belonging to a needy family. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess after a number of garments had been completed. As a centerpiece on the luncheon table a beautiful basket of Christmas greens was used.

#### Postpone Meeting

The Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary meeting, to have been held this evening at the church in the form of a scramble supper, has been indefinitely postponed.

Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen, and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store, put a little in your hand and rub well into the scalp. After a few applications all dandruff disappears and the hair stops coming out.

**To Entertain Lady Foresters**  
Mrs. Rose Reilly will entertain the Lady Foresters Wednesday afternoon. All are cordially invited to attend.

#### EARLY SIPPING CHICKS

Nate Hill comes to town with a big chicken story. From two incubators, 150 downy chicks were hatched Jan. 1 and Mr. Hill defies anyone to beat that. He says that spring chickens of the 1916 season cannot be hatched any earlier than that.

#### St. Paul's Aid

The Ladies Aid society of St. Paul's Lutheran church will meet Thursday at 2:30 at the church, instead of with Mrs. Otto Beier, as previously planned.

#### Wantoknow Club

The Wantoknow club will be entertained Jan. 6th at the home of Mrs. Woolley.

#### Postpone Missionary

The Zion Missionary society to have met with Mrs. John Strub, Hamlet township, has been postponed until a week from Thursday.

#### Postpone Installation

Installation of the officers of Ladies of the G. A. R., Dixon Circle No. 73, has been postponed until a week from Thursday.

#### St. James Missionary

The St. James Missionary society will meet a week from Thursday with Mrs. Sauer of S. Dixon.

#### Watch Night Social

The Watch Night social held Friday evening at the Zion church proved a delightful affair despite the inclement weather. Forty were present and \$12 was made from the supper, served cafeteria style. A short program consisting of a vocal solo and readings by Mrs. Mary Mossholder, two duets by the two J. A. Wads worth children, and numbers on the Edison Disc phonograph furnished by the J. E. Moyer Furniture Co., was greatly enjoyed. Stereopticon views completed the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Dick of north of St. James is ill with the grip.

Mrs. Christopher Smith, who has been in poor health for several years is critically ill.

Mr. Genck, the father of Mrs. To bias Sweitzer, is very ill.

Frank Wiser, who has been ill is much improved today.

Mrs. John Shoemaker of Douglas avenue is very ill.

Mrs. William Close is confined to her home, 1418 W. Second street with the grip.

Mrs. Chas. Eastman is ill.

Mrs. George Morris of 1613 First street is ill with the grip.

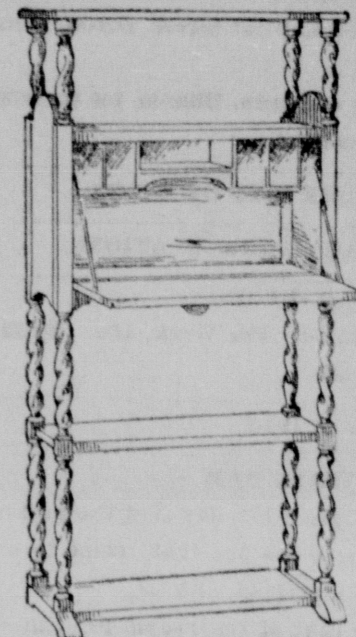
### IS YOUR COMB FULL OF FALLEN HAIR

#### What to Do When Hair Comes Out.

Loose hairs in your comb and brush is Nature's way of waving a red flag in your face to tell you that your hair and scalp are losing vitality and that it is time you did some thing for them.

Don't disregard the warning. A little attention now may mean long, thick, luxuriant hair for you for years to come. A little further neglect and thin, dry, dull, lifeless brittle hair and finally baldness may result. To vitalize the scalp 'til it tingles with vibrant energy—to make every hair on your head healthy—get a package of Parisian Sage from Rowland Bros. or any good druggist in town and rub a little right into your scalp with the finger tips.

Parisian Sage acts directly on the entire cell life of the hair—from root to tip—helping healthy growth and stimulating a beautiful glossy texture and glorious luxuriance. Notice how quickly your hair stops coming out on brush and comb—how it is easier to handle and dress and how all signs of itching or dandruff quickly disappear. It is not expensive.



Ladies' Writing Desks will be shown you at our store in an unusually large variety to pick from—A Writing Desk quite completes the suite for the Bed room and serve an admirably useful purpose, too. We want you to look them over and let us tell you how wonderfully cheap they are.

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OF COURSE!

### GENERAL RUZSKY

Russian General's Retirement Is Due to Physical Collapse.



Photo by American Press Association.

### RUZSKY, IN COLLAPSE, RESTS

General Who Stopped Hindenburg Takes Vacation in Caucasus.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The multifarious rumors regarding the retirement of General Ruzsky, who stopped von Hindenburg on the Dvina, were silenced Christmas morning by the arrival in Petrograd of Ruzsky himself on a special train from the front.

Since last spring General Ruzsky has not ceased to work his staff and himself to the limit of human endurance, until he finally collapsed. He proceeded forthwith to the Caucasus for further rest and medical treatment.

### KAISER REPORTED VERY ILL

Dispatches to Paris Tell of Operation Having Been Performed.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Press dispatches from Switzerland and Italy continue to affirm that the illness of Emperor William is serious. It is said that he was operated on last Wednesday successfully, but the nature of the operation is not specified.

#### Villa on Way to Border.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4.—Arrivals from Chihuahua City report that advice brought there by some of General Francisco Villa's personal followers declare he is making toward the border in the direction of Columbus, N. Mex., with about a dozen followers. Rumors of the killing of Villa by General Carranza's troops are discredited.

#### Sleet Storm Grips California.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—This section of California was practically cut off from direct communication with the East by a sleet storm, accompanied by a seventy-five-mile hurricane. One man was killed by a falling sign and several persons injured.

### REGAINS SIGHT CHRISTMAS

Doy Blind Since Birth Sees While Dancing About Tree.

Jacksonville, Ill., Jan. 4.—The sight of Charles Schrepp, a student in the Illinois state school for the blind, unable to see since birth, was restored while he was dancing around a Christmas tree with his brothers and sisters in the home of his parents near Jacksonville Christmas day.

### CAIRO HAVING LID SUNDAYS

No Attempt Is Made to Violate Order of Mayor

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 4.—Cairo is experiencing its first saloonless Sundays as the result of the mayor's decision to enforce the state Sunday closing law.

No attempt to violate the closing order is evident, but there is a little drinking on the streets of liquor bought Saturdays.

### Too Late To Classify

WANTED: Competent girl for general housework. No washing. \$5 a week. Mrs. Harry Roe, telephone K-146. 2ft

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FOR RENT. Up stairs of my residence at 621 S. Galena Ave. to man and wife. Mrs. Mary C. Moyer. 23

FOR SALE. 7 R. C. R. I. R. cockerels, at \$1 each; also 25 pullets. Mrs. Charles Henry, Dixon. Phone 27300. 23\*

FOR SALE. Good team of mules, wt. 2100 lbs., in good condition. Will work anywhere. Enquire of Mrs. Ella Reese, Grand Detour, or address letter to Dixon, R. 3. 26\*

Miss Minne Jones has returned from El Paso where she spent the vacation week at her home.

### HUNDREDS FLEE MISSISSIPPI

River Is At Flood Stage and Threatens to Overflow Lower States.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4.—United States Weather Bureau Observer Emery issued a flood warning for the Mississippi valley. The river is expected to reach 35 feet, the flood stage, within three days, he said.

All low lands on this side of the river and on the Arkansas side are already under water and hundreds of families were leaving for higher ground.

#### Whoop Up Big Highway.

La Salle, Ill., Jan. 4.—A 540-mile auto highway from Rockford to Cairo, running through Cairo, Carbondale, Centralia, Vandalia, Decatur, Clinton, La Salle, Mendota, Rochelle, Rockford and Beloit, Wis., was given impetus at a meeting of road enthusiasts at La Salle.

#### Ought to Keep Money Elsewhere.

Chadwick, Ill., Jan. 4.—"Had they only spared my new safe I would have let them have the money it contained," murmured A. D. Hanna, a Chadwick meat dealer, after robbers for the third time in a year had blown open his strong box. The amount taken was \$175.

#### Cost \$193.38 to Hang Negro.

Hillsboro, Ill., Jan. 4.—It cost Montgomery county \$193.38 to hang Jim Comer, the negro who murdered his wife, the cost including work on the stockade, lumber for same, erection and razing of the scaffold, and rope.

#### German U-Boats Sunk?

According to an Amsterdam report the Russian Black Sea fleet is as busy as the army on the Bessarabian front. Russian warships have sunk two German submarines off the Bulgarian Black sea port of Varna, Dutch correspondents say.

#### Serbia Is Annexed by Austria.

Zurich, Jan. 4.—Emperor Franz Josef nominated Count Salis Sewis, military commander at Vienna, to become governor general of Serbia, indicating that the central empires have allotted Serbia to Austria.

#### How to Remove Iodine Stains From Household Articles.

Tincture of iodine is a very common household remedy. As we all know, it makes a most horrible stain if it is accidentally spilled on our clothing or any fabric.

#### Immediately after such an accident

the articles stained should be immersed in water to which have been added about two teaspoonfuls of plain ammonia to the gallon of water.

#### How to Make Rubbers Last and Keep Them From Cracking.

To lengthen the life of your rubbers rub them lightly when first purchased with vaseline or sweet oil. The varnish will absorb the grease, and the rubbers will not crack.

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## THE GRIP IS NOTHING NEW.

A prominent Chicago specialist said the other day that the present epidemic of la grippe or influenza is similar to the one that came to us from Europe more than 25 years ago and has remained with us.

This specialist declares that 10 per cent of the people in this section have had the disease this winter, 10 per cent have it now and 20 per cent more will have it before it is stopped.

Forty per cent of the population in a section like this is a startling figure. But with an ache in your own head and a pain in your back, can you doubt it?

The grip is nothing new. It is known positively to have killed off people 400 years before Christ and has been engaged in this occupation ever since.

The grip came to America a few years after Columbus and the Virginia cavaliers and the Pilgrim fathers were put to bed with it the same as we are.

Periodically a great wave of influenza spreads over the world and while the fighting nations of Europe are concocting horrible schemes to kill off soldiers in lots of thousands this germ disease gets hold of men, women and children and sweeps them into the beyond as bits of dust are dumped into the ash can.

"Go to bed" is the advice of the specialist when the grip comes.

The influenza germ is carried through the nasal passages so that the order "Don't spit" is good advice.

The bacillus of influenza, called "Pfeiffer's bacillus," has been found dead after two hours' exposure to sunlight or dry air, in nasal mucus. The lesson is plain. Let in all the sunlight and fresh air you can.

## FOR SECRETARY OF STATE.

Western Life Advocate: The editor of the Advocate takes pleasure in introducing to its readers, Hon. Louis L. Emmerson, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., who is a candidate for Secretary of State of Illinois.

The Advocate is neutral in its opinion as to politics or to the war question, but the editor feels it is his duty to endorse Mr. Emmerson to the policy holders of the Western Life Indemnity company, and especially to those in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Emmerson was born in Illinois December 27, 1863. All his life has been spent in Illinois. He has been active from the time he left high school up to the present time in mercantile business and banking and to his credit it can be said that he has never been associated or connected with any concern that has proven a failure. To the contrary, his untiring zeal and his personal enthusiasm in anything he undertakes have always crowned his efforts with success.

Notwithstanding Mr. Emmerson has assiduously devoted his time to business lines, he has found time to take an interest in the political and civic duties to the extent that he has proven himself to be a valuable citizen of the state of Illinois, and the state of Illinois can well congratulate itself in having, as one of its candidates, a man who stands so high in the love and esteem of his fellow men as Louis L. Emmerson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Mr. Emmerson has attained marked honors of distinction in the Masonic Order and also in the Knights of Pythias, Redmen, Woodmen, Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, and others. He is a man among men, a citizen, tried and true, and the editor of the Advocate guarantees that he will be one of Illinois' most popular officials, if elected to the high honor to which he aspires.

## TRYING TO VERIFY FORECASTS.

There are few of us who haven't laughed the weather man to scorn when some of his forecasts have failed to come true, says an exchange. But we forget that the weather bureau's forecast is only a probability. The weather man never tells you that this or that will happen. He knows he dare not. The atmosphere above us is so illimitable—so many unknown things can happen in the vast vault that what looks certain to come cannot be stated as absolutely certain.

The United States weather department is all the time going farther afield—and a-air—with its scientific investigation so that forecasts shall be more certain, hoping that at some distant day it may be absolutely certain as to its forecasts.

For example, an investigation station at Omaha is to explore the high altitudes continuously with the aid of kites and balloons, for advance information from the far west. Kites will be sent up in series with piano wire strings. Electric appliances will be attached for registering the rate of wind, the atmospheric pressure, humidity and temperature.

For altitudes above the reach of kites small rubber balloons can now be used, their reach being determined by the durability of the rubber. Inflated with hydrogen gas, they ascend rapidly, expanding as the air pressure lessens. When the balloon bursts a small parachute lowers the recording instruments safely, and an attached tag requests the finder to forward them to the weather bureau.

## COMING NEW YORK'S WAY.

The results of a census taken four years ago in London have just been announced and London finds that it must pass along to New York the title of world's metropolis. But London has so many more important things to worry about that it probably will not even feel this blow.

Sterling is copying Dixon and plans to pave the Lincoln Highway with brick clear across its township this coming summer. Sterling has put in several miles of brick pavement on the Lincoln Way west of Sterling.

Now all the funny fellers will begin cracking jokes about leap year, and the Maiden's Last Chance and all them killing things. Har! Har!

Dixon will be the best advertised city of its size on the Lincoln Highway when it gets its brick paving clear across this township.

Let well enough alone and you will stay rooted right where you are. No progress can result from that program.

## Daddy's Bedtime

## Story—

How Bobbie Took  
His Squirrel to  
Walk With Him.

The Time For His Experiment Had Come.

"Do you know any more squirrel stories, daddy?" asked Jack.

"Lots of them," cried daddy. "I know one about Bobbie."

"Goody! Goody!" sang out the children, clapping hands.

"You remember that each of the three children had a pet squirrel and that all three squirrels lived together in a wonderful cage with a wheel. Well, beside this home Bobbie made his pet a wonderful sort of a personal cage, so that he could go about all over Uncle Ben's farm with the boys and Bibbey Wah, the little girl."

"More, more, daddy!" cried Jack.

"Well, Bobbie had a little barrel about ten inches high. He carefully took out the head of it and tacked soft cotton all over the inside of the barrel. This made a comfortable, soft lining, you see."

"How could the squirrel get inside?" cried Evelyn.

"Wait and I'll tell you," daddy promised. "Before he put the head back on the little barrel he cut a hole in one side near the top, just like a window. Then he fastened the head back carefully."

"When his pet was tame enough to know him and eat nuts out of his hand and jump up on his shoulder when Bobbie clucked, he felt sure the time had come to try his experiment. So he opened the door of the big cage, held the barrel, window side up, in front of the door and waited. And what do you think his pet did?"

"Walked right into the barrel!" cried Jack.

"That's exactly what he did. The barrel was just big enough so that when he squatted down on the bottom of it his head came where the hole was. It was just as if he had sat down in front of a window."

"Wouldn't he jump out?" asked the children.

"He could have done so, but he never did. He seemed to love his cage, which was something like a private carriage. For Bobbie would take it under his arm or put it in his coat pocket and, with a walnut and a pecan to keep his pet happy and busy, carry him about with him all the morning."

"Did Jim's squirrel have a barrel too?" asked Evelyn.

"Jim made him one, but he would never go inside it like Bobbie's pet would. It seems just as if squirrels have as many likes and dislikes as children have," daddy finished.

"That was a lovely story, daddy," cried Evelyn. "If I give you two kisses and a big hug will you tell it again some night?"

And daddy smiled and took the kisses.

## City In Brief

—Send your live stock to Shannon Bros. & Co., Union Stock Yards, Chicago. 25311

Charles and Fred Lawton of Palmyra were Monday callers in Dixon.

Mrs. William Cahill spent yesterday with Sterling friends.

Mrs. John Wilson of Polo was a Dixon shopper yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keefer and daughter Esther of Sterling were entertained Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Manges.

Mrs. Fred Platten is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Earl Buck was here Monday from Franklin Grove.

Walter Sunday was here yesterday from Franklin Grove.

Mrs. J. T. Gilbert was a Monday morning shopper from Franklin Grove.

Tobias Brenner of Burlington, Ia., was a guest over Sunday at the home of his brother, J. B. Brenner.

William Beierhoff is here from Northwestern University to visit friends.

Miss Gladys Gonneman has been ill the past week with the grip.

J. M. Rubenstein left today on his spring trip to Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, Ottumwa, and other important towns in Iowa.

Galen Lehman was here from Franklin Grove yesterday.

H. S. Nichols has purchased a home at 816 E. Second street and has taken up his residence there this week.

Miss Kathryn Bovey and cousin, Miss Leith, left Sunday morning for Chicago after spending New Year's with the Misses Funk at Oregon.

Mrs. F. W. Bovey and baby of Chicago who are with Pennsylvania Corners friends, were week end visitors in Oregon.

Mrs. Charles Williams was a shopper from Sublette Monday.

Miss Avis Duffy, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Earl Burrs, in DeKalb the past week, returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. S. Schmoeger of Sterling and daughter, Mrs. Martha Gould of Chicago, were guests at the W. E. Trein home Monday.

Mrs. H. Vinton and daughter Helen have returned from a two weeks' visit with Rockford friends.

Walter Hayes, who was here from Minonk to spend New Year's, returned with his family to Minonk yesterday morning. Mrs. Hayes and the children had been guests during holiday week of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brookner.

Mrs. Wm. Harkins has recovered from an attack of the grip.

Miss Donna Masterson of Clinton, Ia., who has been the guest of Mrs. L. W. Loescher for the week end, returned to her home Sunday evening. While here Miss Masterson attended St. Mary's Guild party.

C. A. Dimmick was in town today from Glendale farm.

Mr. Sheehan of Ohio was a Dixon caller Monday.

John Trostle was here from Ashton Monday.

John Trostle of Ashton was here yesterday.

Ward Miller and Roy Eastman were visitors in Chicago Monday.

County Superintendent L. W. Miller was in Ashton today visiting the high school there.

Nelson Richardson went to DeKalb on a morning train.

H. W. Phillips of Nelson was in Dixon this morning.

Mrs. Geo. Fruin went to Tampico to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel.

Miss Gracia Ellsop was a guest of her aunt, Miss Ella Biddle, in Chicago, over New Year's.

Mrs. Arthur Malarkey of Freeport is a guest of Mrs. Seebold of First street.

B. M. Rolph who is in Bay City, Texas, on business for the Ditch Tiler Co., reports conditions very good in the southern state.

Emil Pressler of Amboy was in Dixon this morning.

Fred Dewey is here from Amboy attending court.

A. H. Tingle and George Fruin leave tomorrow morning for Woodstock, Ill., where they will transact business.

## THIS DAY IN ILLINOIS HISTORY

Jan. 4, 1848.—LaSalle and his exploring party arrived in the village of the Peoria Indians on Peoria lake.

Mrs. Anna Dement accompanied her daughter Carmen, who was on her way back to her studies at Washington, D. C., as far as Chicago this morning.

Mrs. J. G. Ralston and sister, Mrs. Douglas Harvey were morning passengers to Chicago.

Leonard Rorer, manager of the Family theatre, spent the day in Chicago, booking attractions for his play house.

J. W. Crawford, wife and daughter went to Chicago this morning. From there Miss Crawford goes back to Washington, D. C., to resume her school work.

Max Lett transacted business in Mendota and Sublette yesterday.

Robin Hartwell and wife leave for Chicago tomorrow and from there go to Blessing, Tex., to spend a few weeks with the former's father J. L. Hartwell.

George Watross, Jr., is ill with the grip.

Curtis Rice will go to Sterling this evening to assist Cochran's orchestra.

Elizabeth, the tiny daughter of Mrs. Irving Schweitzer of Pearl City is ill of the measles at the home of her grandparents.

Rev. A. J. Meierhoff returned Saturday evening from a visit at his home in Highland Park.

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The new Victor Records for January are just out—and we're right on hand with the complete list. If there are any particular numbers you'd like to hear, we'll gladly play them.

## A few of the New Arrivals:

17898	A Little Bit of Heaven	McKee Trio
	Where the River Shannon Flows	McKee Trio
35500	Angel's Dream Waltz	Conway's Band
	Nightingale Waltz	Conway's Band
17901	New York Hippodrome March	Sousa's Band
	The Pathfinder of Panama March	Sousa's Band
64520	Tambourin (Violin Solo)	Maud Powell
74446	Oh, Dry Those Tears	Sophie Breslau
87208	The Monotone	
	Alma Gluck, Soprano and Efreim Zinbalt, Violinist	
87221	The Rosary	Ernestine Schumann-Heink

## POPULAR SONGS.

17902	America, I Love You	American Quartet
10in 75c	You'll Be There	Peerless Quartet
17903	If It Takes a Thousand Years	James Reed, J. F. Harrison
10in 75c	Could the Dreams of a Dreamer Come True?	George Ballard
17904	Alagazam	Peerless Quartet
10in 75c	When Old Bill Bailey Plays the Ukulele	Peerless Quartet
17885	Ballymooney (From "Chin-Chin")	Billy Murray
10in 75c	I've Been Floating Down the Old Green River	Billy Murray
17896	Piney Ridge	Irving Kauffman
10in 75c	All I Can Do Is Just Love You	Irving Kauffman
17900	Along the Rocky Road to Dublin	American Quartet
10in 75c	Molly Dear, It's You I'm After ("The Girl From Utah")	Orpheus Quartet

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Mrs. A. V. Lake returned to her home in Wenona after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lohr.

Mr. and Mrs. Vano C. Bosworth will return this evening from El Paso, Ill., where they visited their parents during the holidays.

## Clearance of Ready-to-Wear Garments

Tremendous Price Reductions in Women's Suits, Coats, Dresses and Waists



THE blue pencil of reduction has made a mighty tour through our **Ready-to-Wear Department**. To the right and to the left, garments of all kinds have been subjected to severe price cutting. Suits, Coats, Dresses, Waists and other wearing apparel will be effected, and the reductions are so enormous that we feel safe in stating that our **Clearance Sale**, which began today, will be the most radical we have ever had.

Here is your golden opportunity to buy those beautiful garments that you have longed for—the pretty dresses, the stunning suits, the nobby coats, the exquisite waists—for in this sale these garments are all brought within the reach of everybody. The very nature of this sale tells you that quantities are limited, and our earnest advice, therefore, is to be here early for a first selection.

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Flannelette Night Gowns, 50c quality	39c
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One Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts	\$2.49
One Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts	\$3.98
One Lot of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts	\$5.25
\$2.50 and \$3.00 Silk Petticoats, all colors	\$1.98
\$1.25 and \$1.50 House Dresses at	80c

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## DUIS IS WINNER IN TWO OF THE GAMES

DEFEATED LYND'S BOWLERS IN CITY LEAGUE CONTEST ON MONDAY NIGHT.

Captain Duis' men took two out of three games from Lynd's team in the city bowling contest played Monday evening at the Brunswick alleys. In the opening game Lynd's men ran up a score of 825, but in the following games they fell down. The next league contest will be played on Friday evening between the Pefer and Rogers teams. Last night's scores follow:

Lynds		
Falstro m.	156	126 143
A. Heffey	193	176 168
G. Heffey	150	145 160
Dominick	167	115 147
Lynds	157	140 127
	825	702 745
Duis		
Duis	173	191 213
Leivan	141	205 157
Kelley	150	169 168
Gonnerman	176	159 126
Gylleck	164	143 143
	804	867 807

Mrs. J. C. Onnen is entertaining Mrs. Jerome C. Rosenfeld of Peoria.

## Dramatic Notes

### PRINCESS THEATRE

Tonight the Princess will show a 4-reel Edison feature entitled "Gladiola" with Viola Dana, Pat O'Malley and Robert Connors in the leading roles, a beautiful love story of country life which comes to a tragic end. Viola Dana taking the leading part in this feature is said to be the sweetest girl in the photo play and she is seen at her best in this splendid drama. The feature is full of excellent stage settings together with the cleverest acting ever seen on the screen and the public is certainly afforded a treat in seeing this remarkable feature.

### FAMILY THEATRE

The vaudeville bill at the Family theatre for this evening, which consists of four acts, includes Miss Lita Forrest, a prima donna of fame. This young lady, for reasons of her own, is not using her professional name in his town and if she did the music lovers and those who are posted would recognize her as one who has figured in many of the large musical organizations of the country. As this is her last appearance this evening, everyone who knows and enjoys good singing should attend.

Picture for this evening will feature Robert Warwick in "The Dollar Mark."

### OPERA HOUSE

A special program of superior photo plays will be shown at the Opera House tonight. The bill is made up with the following all star casted features: "The Craters of Time," a thrilling melodrama in 3 parts featuring Albert Copozzi. "Homage," a beautiful society drama in two parts, featuring Herbert Rawlinson and Anna Little in the leading roles. Also "Snatched from the Altar," a screaming Nester comedy with Eddie Lyons and Elsie Greason. This is a picture that is worth going miles to see. To miss it will mean regret.

### OPERA HOUSE

The Cornell-Price Players will open an eight-day engagement at the Dixon opera house commencing on Sunday night, Jan. 9, presenting all new plays and an exceptionally strong array of vaudeville numbers between the acts which will be changed nightly during the engagement. The play for Sunday night will be "One Girl in a Thousand," a story of Maryland life and one with an unusual amount of heart interest running through it. Reserved seats Friday at Campbell's drug store.

John Hanne of Hennepin avenue is quite ill with bronchial pneumonia. A nurse, Miss Whynn, of Chicago is caring for him.

## KAISER WILHELM II.

Condition of Emperor Is Serious—Undergoes Operation.



## GOETTEL FUNERAL TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

The funeral of Henry Goettel, who died Monday afternoon at his home in South Dixon township after an extended illness from inflammatory rheumatism, will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the house and 2 o'clock from the German Lutheran church in this city, Rev. Theo. Drexel officiating.

Mr. Goettel was born in Germany in 1857 and came to the United States in 1882. He worked on a farm near El Paso, Ill., and it was there that he was united in marriage in 1884 to Miss Emily Rippel. With his family he moved to Dixon in 1912 and took up his residence on the W. B. Merriman farm in South Dixon township. Besides his widow he leaves four children, Arnold, Arthur, Nora and Minnie all at home.

## CZAR IS ROLLING AUSTRIANS BACK

Vienna Admits That Its Forces Are on Defensive.

## BESSARABIAN FRONT TARGET

Russians Hammering Away for 200 Miles—Offensive Equipped With Men and Munitions—Attack Not Made Merely to Divert Forces from Balkans—Austria Annexes Serbia.

London, Jan. 4.—Austria-Hungary officially admits that it is on the defensive on both the Russian and Montenegrin fronts.

On the Montenegrin line the Austrian advance has been halted for almost two weeks, the little army of King Nicholas time and again rolling back the numerically superior army.

It is on the Russian front, however, that the gravest peril for the Austrians lies. What at first looked like a mere bluff by Russia to keep Austrian forces from being sent to the aid of their colleagues on the Macedonian front, where the advance on Saloniki was then contemplated, has developed into a great battle on a 200-mile front, with perhaps 2,000,000 men engaged.

Tells of Foe's Repulse. "Bitter fighting is going on along the Bessarabian front," the Austrian official report says. "The enemy made the utmost efforts to break through the Austro-Hungarian front in the Toporouz district, which all failed. Three officers and 850 soldiers were made prisoners."

"Isolated Russian advances on the Serch, at the mouth of the Lower Strpa, in the Kormin district, and on the Str river were repulsed."

Fighting on the Str, the Strpa and the Serch makes a greater front for the center of the Russian offensive than at first seemed credible. Reports from Petrograd tend to confirm the stories of correspondents that the Austrian official reports are somewhat too optimistic; that they do not tell of the gradual advance of the Russians under General Ivanoff, with tremendous losses for the Austro-Hungarians, who did not expect the sudden drive of the foe and were caught unprepared.

Plenty of Big Guns. The new Russian army under Ivanoff seems to be unusually well supplied with munitions and big guns. The Austrians are kept under an almost steady rain of shells. Their counterattacks have failed almost without exception. The center of the great battle is at Tarnopol.

Near the Roumanian border the Russians are gaining ground daily. Czernowitz is seriously threatened again. What effect this new drive by Russia may have on Roumania can only be surmised.

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## CHAPMAN'S MEN TOOK TWO MORE MONDAY

CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN POSITION AT TOP OF Y. M. C. A. LEAGUE.

By adding two more victories to their string of victories Chapman's men have strengthened their position at the top of the percentage column. Monday evening they easily took two games from Raymond's players. The scores of the games follow:

Raymond		
Raymond	151	170 129
Moyer	139	132 110
Buehner	153	109 156
Reed	126	165 145
Bailey	173	192 142
	742	768 682
Chapman		
Chapman	126	149 135
Travis	148	168 157
Stauffer	114	119 116
Busby	129	175 129
Moore	136	173 212
	653	784 749

## DIXON FRESHMAN IN VICTORY OVER POLO

DEFEATED BOY SCOUTS AT BASKET BALL, 21 TO 19, MONDAY EVENING

The Dixon high school freshman basket ball team defeated the Polo Boy Scouts Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. gym, score 21 to 19. At the end of the first half the Polo boys were leading 13 to 4, but in the second half the Freshmen, like all Dixon teams, came back gamely and played the Polo team off their feet. Hess, Byers and Rowland played swell ball for Dixon, while Sommers was the Polo star. A return game will be played in Polo Friday night as a preliminary to the Sterling-Polo contest.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. George W. Stoddard will speak this evening on "The Second Coming of Christ" at the Baptist church. Last evening he based his talk on the second chapter of Acts, showing what constituted an ideal church. This model church had the following characteristics: Creed, prayer, practice, fraternal and missionary. We need today first century Christianity, it is the only kind worth having, declared the speaker.

He declares that these conditions must be met before we can expect a soul-winning campaign. If we want a revival we can have it, but we have something to do before it will come.

Everyone is invited to attend the Week of Prayer. Come at 7:30 p. m.

### EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Evangelistic meetings are being held every night this week, with the exception of Saturday night, at the Eldena church. The hour is 7:30 and the public is cordially invited to worship with us.

F. X. Newcomer went to Steward this morning and from there drove out into the country on business.

N. H. Long left this morning on a commercial trip to Creston.

George Fruin went to Sterling this afternoon on business.

## MRS. EISENBERG WILL BE BURIED THURSDAY

FUNERAL OF GRAND DETOUR WOMAN WILL BE HELD AT HER HOME.

The funeral of Mrs. Edward Eisenberg, who died on Monday morning at 10 o'clock at her home in Grand Detour, will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from her late home, Rev. A. B. Whitcombe of this city will officiate and interment will be at Oakwood cemetery.

Almyra Barr was born in Port Henry county, New York, and was aged 52 years. When a small child her parents, the late Isaac Barr and wife, moved to Dixon and Mr. Barr established a blacksmith shop here. Deceased had been married twice; her first husband, William Saumby, died about ten years ago. She was later married to Edward Eisenberg of Grand Detour. Beside her husband she leaves six children by her former marriage. They are Harry Saumby, St. Louis; Frank, St. Paul; Wm. and George, Dixon; Florence and Bernice, Pennsylvania. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Mary Smith, Milan, Ill., and two brothers, Charles Barr of Peoria and Isaac Barr of Dixon.

## PIONEER PHYSICIAN IS DEAD

Dr. Hiram Carnahan of Compton Died Monday Evening.

Compton, Jan. 4.—Dr. Hiram Carnahan passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. S. O. Argraves, Monday evening at 7:45 o'clock after an illness of ten months. The deceased was 85 years of age and for the past 35 years was a practicing physician in Lee county. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at the M. E. church.

## FUNERAL FOR MRS. COVERT THURSDAY

LAST SAD RITES TO BE SAID AT HER LATE HOME AT 2:30 P. M.

The funeral of Mrs. P. A. Covert who passed away at 1:15 o'clock Monday afternoon, will be held at the residence, 521 College avenue, at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with burial at Oakwood cemetery.

Johanna Eliza Wilhelm was born in Nachusa township May 15, 1853, and her entire life was spent in this community, where her great personal charms, true friendships and interest in the welfare of others resulted in a very large circle of friends who mourn her passing. She was united in marriage to Phineas A. Covert 38 years ago, and the husband and three sons survive; the sons being Clarence of Los Angeles, Cal., William and Bert of this city. Her aged father, Levi Wilhelm of this city and three brothers and three sisters also survive. The sisters and brothers are: Mrs. W. W. Swartz of Brooklyn, Ia.; Mrs. H. W. Eicholtz of Nachusa, Mrs. W. H. Long of Dixon, Perry F. Wilhelm of Dixon; Clinton C. Wilhelm of Nachusa and R. L. Wilhelm of Dixon. Mrs. Covert, while her health would allow it, was a very active worker in Dixon Circle Ladies of the G. A. R., and in the Rebekahs.

### OBSERVE WEEK OF PRAYER

The opening service of the week of prayer was held last evening at the Presbyterian church. Rev. A. J. Holland, the pastor, led the service, speaking upon "Prayer and Unity," and a very inspiring service resulted. On Tuesday evening Rev. E. C. Lumsden, of the Methodist church will be the speaker. A cordial welcome is extended to everyone to attend these services.

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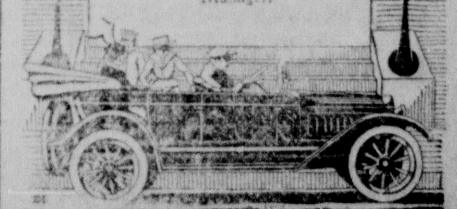
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## SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—At Troyon's, a Paris inn, the youth Marcel Troyon, afterwards to be known as Michael Lanyard, is caught stealing by Burke, an expert thief, who takes the boy with him to America and makes of him a finished cracksmen.

CHAPTER II—After stealing the Omaha jewels and the Hysman war plans in London Lanyard returns to Troyon's for the first time in many years because he thinks Roddy, a Scotland Yard man, is on his trail. On arrival he finds Roddy already installed as a guest.

CHAPTER III—At a dinner conversation between Comte de Morbihan, M. Bannion and M. Le Comte, the Lone Wolf, a celebrated cracksmen who works alone, puzzles and alarms him as to whether his identity is only guessed or known.

CHAPTER IV—To satisfy himself that Roddy is not watching him, Lanyard dresses and goes out, leaving Roddy apparently asleep and snoring in the next room, then comes back stealthily, to find a girl in his room.

CHAPTER V—The girl turns out to be M. Bannion, who explains her presence by saying that she was sleep-walking.

CHAPTER VI—In his apartment near the Trocadero he finds written on the back of a twenty-pound note, part of his concealed emergency hoard an invitation from The Pack to the Lone Wolf to join them.

CHAPTER VII—Lanyard attempts to dispose of the Omaha jewels, but finds that The Pack has forbidden the buyers to deal with him. He decides to meet The Pack.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## The High Hand.

Evidently his first move toward departure was signaled, for as he passed out through the Abbaye's doors the carriage porter darted forward and saluted.

"M. Lanyard?"

"Yes."

"Monsieur's car is waiting."

"Indeed!" Lanyard surveyed briefly a handsome black limousine that, at pause beside the curb, was championing its bit in the most spirited fashion. Then he smiled appreciatively. "All the same, I thank you for the compliment," he added, and forthwith tipped the porter.

But before entrusting himself to this gratuitous conveyance he put himself to the trouble of inspecting the chauffeur, who proved to be a capable-looking mechanic toggled out in rich black livery which, though relieved by a vast amount of silk braiding, was, like the car in his charge, guiltless of any sort of insignia.

"I presume you know where I want to go, my man?"

The chauffeur touched his cap. "But naturally, monsieur."

"Then take me there the quickest way."

Nodding acknowledgment of the porter's parting salute, Lanyard sank gratefully back upon uncommonly luxurious upholstery. The fatigue of the last thirty-six hours was beginning to tell on him, though his youth was still so vital, so instinct with strength and vigor that he could, if need be, go as long again without sleep.

None the less he was glad of this opportunity to snatch a few moments' rest by way of preparation against the occult culmination of this adventure. No telling what might ensue of this violation of all those principles which had hitherto insured his welfare!

However, he stood committed to his folly, if folly it were—he would play the game as he laid.

As for curiosity concerning his immediate destination, there was little enough of that in his temper, thanks to the fact that a single glance round on leaving the car would fix his whereabouts beyond question, so thoroughgoing was his knowledge of Paris.

He contemplated briefly, with admiration, the simplicity with which that affair at the Abbaye had been managed, finding no just cause to suspect anyone there of criminal complicity in the plans of the Pack—a forged order for a table to the maitre d'hotel, ten francs to the carriage porter, and twenty more to the dancing woman to play their parts in a putative practical joke—and the thing was arranged without implicating a soul!

Of a sudden, ending a ride much shorter than he would have liked, the limousine swerved in toward a curb. Bending forward, Lanyard unlatched the door and, glancing through the window, uttered a grunt of profound disgust.

If this were the best that Pack could do—

He had hoped for something a trifle more romantic from men with wit and imagination enough to plot the earlier phases of this adventure.

The car was pulling up in front of an institution which he knew well, far too well, indeed, for his own good.

None the less he consented to get out.

"Sure you've come to the right address?" he asked the chauffeur.

Two fingers touching the vizzor of his cap: "But certainly, monsieur!"

"Oh, all right!" Lanyard grumbled resignedly, and tossing a five-franc piece, addressed himself to the entrance of an outwardly commonplace and respectable hotel particulier situated in the Rue Chaptal between the impasse of the Grand Guignol and the Rue Pigalle.

Now the neophyte needs the introduction of a trusted sponsor before he

can win admission to the clubhouse in the Rue Chaptal of the exclusive Circle of Friends of Humanity; but Lanyard's knock secured him prompt and unquestioned entrance. The unfortunate fact is he was a member in the best of standing, for this society of pseudo-altruistic aims was nothing more nor less than one of these several private gambling clubs of Paris which the French government tolerates more or less openly, despite adequate restrictive legislation; and gambling was Lanyard's ruling passion—a legacy from Bourke together with the rest of his professional equipment.

To every man his vice—the argument is Bourke's, in defense of his failing—and perhaps the least mischievous vice a professional cracksmen can indulge in is that of gambling, since it can hardly drive him to lengths more desperate than those whereby he gains his daily livelihood.

In the esteem of Paris Count Remy de Morbihan himself was scarcely a more light-hearted plunger than M. Lanyard.

Naturally, with this reputation, he was always free of the handsome salons wherein the Friends of Humanity devoted themselves to roulette, auction bridge, baccarat, and chemin de fer—and of this freedom he now proceeded to avail himself, with his hat just a shade askant on his head, his hands in his pockets, a suspicion of a smile on his lips, and a glint of the devil in his eyes—in all an expression accurately reflecting the latest phase of his humor, which had become largely one of contemptuous toleration, thanks to what he chose to consider an exhibition of insipid stupidity on the part of the Pack.

Nor was this humor in any way modified when, in due course, he confirmed anticipation by discovering M. le Comte Remy de Morbihan lounging beside one of the roulette tables, watching the play and now and then risking a maximum or two on his own account.

A flash of animation crossed the unlovely mask of the count when he saw Lanyard approaching, and he greeted the adventurer with a gay little flirt of his pudgy, dark hand.

"Ah, my friend!" he cried. "It is you, then, who have changed your mind! But this is delightful!"

"And what has become of your American friend?" asked the adventurer.

"He tired quickly, that one, and packed himself off to Troyon's. He sure I didn't press him to continue the grand tour!"

"Then you really wanted to see me tonight?" Lanyard inquired innocently.

"Always—always, my dear Lanyard!" the count declared, jumping up. "But come," he insisted, "I have a word for your private ear, if these gentlemen will excuse us."

"Do!" Lanyard addressed in confidential tone those he knew at the table before turning away to the tug of the count's hand on his arm—"I think he means to pay up twenty pounds he owes me!"

Some derisive laughter greeted this sally.

"I mean that, however," Lanyard informed the other cheerfully, as they moved away to a corner where conversation without an audience was possible—"you ruined that Bank of England note, you know."

"Cheap at the price!" the count protested, producing his bill-fold. "Five hundred francs for an introduction to monsieur, the Lone Wolf!"

"Are you joking?" Lanyard asked blankly, and with a magnificent gesture abolished the proffered banknote.

"Joking? I! But surely you don't mean to deny—"

"My friend," Lanyard interrupted, "before we assert or deny anything, let us gather the rest of the players round the table and deal from a sealed deck. Meantime, let us rest on the understanding that I have found, at one end, a message scrawled on a banknote hidden in a secret place, at the other end, yourself, M. le Comte. Between and beyond these points exists a mystery, of which one anticipates elucidation."

"You shall have it," De Morbihan promised. "But first we must go to find those others who await us."

"Not so fast!" Lanyard interposed. "What am I to understand? That you wish me to accompany you to the—ah—den of the Pack?"

"Where else?" De Morbihan grinned. "But where is it?"

"I am not permitted to say—"

"Still one has one's eyes. Why not satisfy me here?"

"Your eyes, by your leave, monsieur, will be bludgeoned."

"Impossible—"

"Pardon—it is an essential—"

"Come, come, my friend—we are not in the middle ages!"

"I have no discretion, monsieur. My conferees—"

"I insist, there must be trust on both sides, or no negotiations."

"But assure you, my dear friend—"

"My dear count, it is useless. I am determined. Bluff me, I should say not! This is not—need I remind you again?—the Paris of Balzac and that wonderful Dumas of yours!"

"What do you propose, then?" De Morbihan inquired, worrying his mustache.

"What better place for the proposed conference than here?"

"But not here, monsieur!"

"Why not? Everybody comes here—it will cause no gossip. I am here—I have come half way; your friends must do as much on their part."

"It is not possible."

"Then tender them my regrets."

"Would you give us away?"

"Never that—one makes gifts to one's friends only. But my interest in yours is depreciating so rapidly that, should you delay much longer, it will be on sale for the sum of two sous."

"Oh—damn!" the count complained peevishly.

"With all the pleasure in life. But now," Lanyard went on, rising to end the interview, "you must forgive me for reminding you that the morning wanes apace. I shall be going home in another hour."

De Morbihan shrugged. "Out of my great affection for you," he purred venomously, "I will do my possible. But I can promise nothing."

"I have every confidence in your powers of moral suasion, monsieur," Lanyard assured him cheerfully. "Au revoir!"

And with this, not at all ill pleased with himself, he strutted off to an adjoining table, where a high-strung session of chemin de fer was in process, possessed himself of a vacant chair, and in two minutes was so engrossed in the game that the Pack was quite forgotten.

In fifteen minutes he had won thrice as many thousands of francs.

Twenty minutes or half an hour later a hand on his shoulder broke the grasp of his besetting passion.

"Our table is made up, my friend," De Morbihan announced with his inextinguishable grin. "We're waiting for you."

"Quite at your service."

Setting his score, and finding himself considerably better off than he had imagined, he resigned his place gracefully and suffered the count to link arms and drag him away up the main staircase to the second story, where smaller rooms were set apart for parties who preferred to gamble privately.

"So it appears you succeeded!" he chaffed his conductor good-humoredly.

"I have brought you the mountain," De Morbihan assented.

"One is grateful for small miracles."

But De Morbihan wouldn't laugh at his own expense; for a moment, indeed, he seemed inclined to take umbrage at Lanyard's levity. But the sudden squaring of his broad shoulders and the hardening of his features was quickly modified by an uneasy, sidelong glance at his companion. And then they were at the door of the cabinet particulier.

De Morbihan rapped, turned the knob, and stood aside, bowing politely.

## CHAPTER IX.

## War Declared.

With a nod acknowledging the courtesy, Lanyard consented to precede him and entered a room of intimate proportions, furnished chiefly with a green-covered card table and five easy chairs, of which three were occupied—two by men in evening dress, the third by one in a well-tailored lounge suit of dark gray.

All three men wore vizors of black velvet.

Lanyard looked from one to the other and chuckled quietly.

De Morbihan cleared his throat angrily and with an aggrieved air launched into introductions.

"Messieurs, I have the honor to present to your conferees, M. Lanyard, best known as 'the Lone Wolf.' M. Lanyard—the council of our association, known to you as 'the Pack.'"

The three rose and bowed ceremoniously. Lanyard returned a cool, good-natured nod. Then he laughed again, and more openly:

"A pack of knaves!"

"Monsieur doubtless feels at ease?" one retorted acidly.

"In your company, Popinot? But hardly!" Lanyard returned in light contempt.

The fellow thus indicated, a burly rogue of a Frenchman in rusty and baggy evening clothes, started and flushed hotly beneath his mask; but the man next him dropped a restraining hand upon his arm, and Popinot turned, shrugged, and sank back into his chair.

"Upon my word!" Lanyard declared gracefully—"It's as good as a play! Are you sure, M. le Comte, there's no mistake—that these gay masqueraders haven't lost their way to the stage of the Grand Guignol?"

"Damn!" muttered the count. "Take care, my friend! You go too far!"

"You really think so? But you amaze me! You, in reason, can't expect me to take you seriously, gentlemen!"

"If you don't it will prove serious business for you, my friend!" growled the one he had named Popinot.

"You mean that? But you are magnificent, all of you! We lack only the solitary illumination of a candle—end—a grinning skull—a cup of blood upon the table—to make the farce complete! But as it is, messieurs, you must be rarely uncomfortable, and feeling as foolish as you look into the bargain! Moreover, I'm not a child. Popinot, why not disburden your amiable features? And you, Mr. Wertheimer, I'm sure, will feel more at ease with an open countenance—as the saying runs," he said, nodding to the man beside Popinot. "As for this gentleman," he concluded, eying the third, "I haven't the pleasure of his acquaintance."

With a short laugh Wertheimer unmasked, exposing a face of decidedly English type, fair and well modeled, betraying only the faintest traces of Semitic cast to account for his surname. And with this example Popinot snatched off his own black vizor and

glared at Lanyard—in his shabby dress the incarnate essence of bourgeois outraged. But the third, he of the gray lounge suit, remained motionless; his eyes clashed with the adventurer's.

He seemed a man little if at all Lanyard's senior, and built upon much the same lines. A close-clipped black mustache ornamented his upper lip. His chin was square and strong with character. The cut of his clothing was conspicuously neither English nor continental.

"I don't know you, sir," Lanyard continued slowly, puzzled to account for a feeling of familiarity with this person, whom he could have sworn he had never met before. "But you won't let your friends outdo you in civility, I trust?"

"If you mean you want me to unmask, I won't," the other returned brusquely in fair French, if with a decided transatlantic intonation.

"American, eh?"

"Native born, if it interests you."

"Have I met you before?"

"You have not."

"My dear count," Lanyard said, turning to De Morbihan, "do me the favor to introduce this gentleman."

"Your dear count will do nothing of the sort, Mr. Lanyard. If you need a name to call me by, Smith's good enough."

The incisive force of his enunciation carried out consistently the general



All Three Men Wore Vizors of Black Velvet.

habit of the man. Lanyard recognized a nature no more pliable than his own. Idle to give time to bickering with this one.

"It doesn't matter," he said shortly, and, drawing back a chair, sat down. "If it did, I should insist—or else decline the honor of receiving the addresses of this cosmopolitan committee. Truly, you flatter me. Here we have Mr. Wertheimer, representing the swell mobsters across the channel; M. le Comte standing for the gratin of Paris—and vice versa; Popinot, spokesman for our friends, the Apaches, and the well-known Mr. Goodenough Smith, ambassador of the gunmen of New York—apparently. A most auspicious occasion! But I presume I'm to understand you wait upon me mainly as representing the fine flower of the European underworld?"

"You're to understand that I, for one, don't like your impudence," the stout Popinot snapped.

"Sorry. But I have already indicated my inability to take you seriously."

"Why not?" the American demanded ominously. "You'd be sore enough if we took you as a joke, wouldn't you?"

"You misapprehend, Mr.—ah—Smith; it is my first aim and wish that you do not take me in any manner, shape or form. It is you, remember, who requested this interview, and—er—dressed your parts so strikingly!"

"What are we to understand by that?" De Morbihan interposed.

"This, messieurs—if you must know," Lanyard dropped for the moment his tone of raillery and bent forward, emphasizing his points by tapping the table with a forefinger.

"Through some oversight of mine, or cleverness of yours—I can't say which, perhaps both—you have succeeded in penetrating my secret. What then? You become envious of my success. In short, I stand in your light—I'm always getting away with something you might have lifted if you'd only had wit enough to think of it first. As your American conferees, Mr. Mysterious Smith, would say, I 'cramp your style.'"

"You learned that on Broadway," the other commented shrewdly.

"Possibly. To continue: So you get together and bite your nails until you concoct a plan to frighten me into sharing profits with you. I've no doubt you're prepared to allow me to retain one-half the proceeds of my operations should I elect to ally myself to you?"

"That's the suggestion we were empowered to make," De Morbihan admitted.

"In other words, you need me. You say to yourselves: 'We'll pretend to be the head of a criminal syndicate, such as the silly novelists are forever writing about, and we'll threaten to put him out of business unless he comes to our terms.' But you overlook one important fact: that you are not mentally equipped to get away with this amusing impersonation! What! Do you expect me to accept you as leading spirits of a gigantic criminal system—you, Popinot, who live by standing between the police and your murderous rascals of Belleville, or you, Wertheimer, sneak thief and blackmailer of timid women, or you, De Morbihan, because you eke out your income by showing a handful

of second-story men where to seek plunder in the houses of your friends?"

He made a gesture of impatience and lounged back to await the answer to this indictment. His gaze, ranging the four, encountered but one face that was not darkly flushed with resentment, and this was the American's.

"Aren't you forgetting me?" this last suggested gently.

"On the contrary. I refuse to recognize you in this conference as long as you lack courage to show your face."

"As you will, my friend," the American chuckled. "Make your profit out of that any way you like."

Lanyard sat up again. "Well, I've stated your case. It amounts to simple, clumsy blackmail. I'm to split my earnings with you or you'll denounce me to the police. That's about it, isn't it?"

"Not of necessity," De Morbihan purred softly, twisting his mustache. "For my part," Popinot declared hotly, "I engage that monsieur of the

"I have the Honor to Bid Adieu to Messieurs."

high hand here will either work with us or conduct no more operations in Paris."

"Or in New York," the American amended.

"England is yet to be heard from," Lanyard suggested mockingly.

To this Wertheimer replied, almost with diffidence: "If you ask me, I don't think you'd find it so jolly pleasant over there if you mean to cut up nasty at this end."

"Then what am I to infer? If you're afraid to lay an information against me—and it wouldn't be wise, I admit—you'll merely cause me to be assassinated, eh?"

"Not of necessity," the count murmured in the same thoughtful tone and manner, as one with a trump in reserve.

"There are so many ways of arranging these matters," Wertheimer ventured.

"None the less, if I refuse, you declare war?"

"Something like that," the American admitted.

"In that case—I am now able to state my position definitely," Lanyard got up and grinned provokingly down at the group. "You can—all four of you—go plumb to—!"

"My dear friend!" the count cried, shocked, "you forget—"

"I forget nothing!" Lanyard cut in coldly, "and my decision is final. Consider yourselves at liberty to go ahead and do your little worst! But don't forget that it is you who have been the aggressors. Already you've had the insolence to interfere with my arrangements—you began offensive operations before you declared war. So now, if you're hit beneath the belt you mustn't complain—you've asked for it!"

"Now what do you mean by that?" the American drawled with an accent of irony.

"I leave you to figure it out for yourselves. But I will say this: I confidently expect you to decide to live and let live, and shall be sorry, as you'll certainly be sorry, if you force my hand."

He opened the door, turned, and saluted them with sarcastic punctilio.

"I have the honor to bid adieu to messieurs, the council of—the Pack!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

RUSSIA WILL KEEP ON LID

Water Wagon Will Continue National Vehicle After War.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—Russia's renunciation of vodka is to be maintained after the war.

Replying to the exhortations of several members of the budget committee of the Duma, Finance Minister Bark declared that the government intends promoting sobriety after the restoration of peace and that a return to the former state of things would be impossible.

Escape Sanitarium; Dies by Train.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 4.—Clad in her night clothing, Mrs. Dora G. Ezion of Peoria escaped from a private sanitarium at Jacksonville, Ill., and was later found to pieces by a Wabash train three miles out of that city.

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"It must be force of habit," replied the new clerk. "You see, I was formerly employed in the woman's department of a shoe store."

## Food For Thought.

"I must have food for thought," said he. "And I have a great lunch; I'll go to a free library."

## Ouch!

"Are you fond of music?" asked Miss Oldgirl.

"Not very," replied Mr. Oldbatch, "but I prefer it to popular songs."

## He Should Worry.

A cheerful cuss is Ezra Fentz. He never chews his pills; He pays a lot of compliments, But he won't pay his bills.

## One Way to Get Subscriptions.

If the young man who was seen Sunday evening kissing his best girl while standing at the front gate will subscribe for the Observer before next press day no further mention will be made of the matter.—Hartford (Ark.) Observer.

## A Fruitful Topic.

He boasts about his ancestry, Does pompous Mr. Demmon; It's plain to me his family tree Produced at least one lemon.

## His highbrow boast of ancestry

Ran on in such a rut 'Twas plain to see his native tree Had fruited in a nut.

## Them Is Hard Words.

As a disseminator of disillusionment we back Luke McLuke against the world.—Arkansas Democrat.

## Kick In.

'Tis the week before Christmas and all through the land Friend wife greets friend husband with wide opened hand.

## And Pinked on the Pimple.

The American Society of Phrenologists at its recent meeting in Philadelphia prepared for general circulation a list of terms that may be used as synonyms for "hit on the head," thus conferring a great favor on those who are always looking for something new. Here they are:

Drubbed on the dome.  
Bammed on the bean.  
Tapped on the cone.  
Bumped on the bezer.  
Biffed on the coco.  
Busted on the cranium.  
Whiffed on the skull.  
Cracked on the nut.  
Nailed on the nob.  
Slugged in the belfry.  
Lammed on the peak.  
Dinged on the brain box.

Well, This Ought to Start Something. Dear Luke—There are only two animals that wear chin whiskers. And you can't blame the poor goat. He can't help himself.—C. W. Chance.

Things to Worry About. If the sun were a burning lump of coal it would burn out in 6,000 years.

Names Is Names. R. Z. Bee lives at Fleming, O.

Our Daily Special. If you don't keep your own secret it won't be kept.

Luke McLuke Says: When you hear a man sighing for the good old days you can bet that what he means is the good old nights. The amateur photographer isn't the only man who takes the worst views of everything.

A woman always likes to go out with another woman who can't afford to dress as well as she can.

Better be careful. Some of those battling suffragists are liable to lay for the men who called them "old hens."

The old fashioned boy who wanted to be president now has a son who wants to be a big league ball player.

Every now and then you will meet the kind of a man who blames his lack of education on the fact that the trustee officer didn't attend to his duties.

When a man acts like a hog when he eats and sleeps he always attributes it to his clear conscience.

Some people are kept poor because they spend so much money pretending they are not.

A man expects it from other men, but it always jars him when he sees a woman splitting.

There are lots of featherweights in the world who never had boxing gloves on their hands.

You may have noticed that the lad who is always blowing about what he is going to do tomorrow never has a word to say about what he did yesterday.

What has become of the old fashioned woman who was glad when the children caught the measles or whooping cough or diphtheria or scarlet fever because she knew they had to catch them some time and wouldn't get them a second time?

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## TYPHUS IS SWEEPING CAPITAL OF MEXICO

Disease More Serious, Report Says, Than in Serbia.

New York, Jan. 4.—Typhus in more serious proportions than in Serbia is sweeping over Mexico City and has assumed such proportions that unless it is checked it will go down as one of the greatest plagues of history. Less than a month ago American physicians in the hospitals of Mexico City estimated that there were then 30,000 to 50,000 cases of typhus in Mexico City alone. The many dead are interred at night as secretly as possible.

In Tachuca the disease was so widespread that the officers of the United States Smelting and Refining company persuaded the city government to let it take over the health work on the place. There had been 3,500 new cases of typhus in one week. The Smelting company's men at once set to work shaving men and cropping their heads. Clothing was burned and houses were disinfected. It is not known what success the effort to cope with the plague has had in Tachuca.

In the province of Oaxaca whole villages have been depopulated.

Claims a Huge Saving. Morrison, Ill., Jan. 4.—Claiming that during the more than thirty years Henry Streiff was in the employ of Henry Reedy, a wealthy farmer near Morrison, the latter paid him no wages, simply giving him board and lodging and a little spending money occasionally, T. J. Lahey, named conservator for Streiff, has begun suit against Reedy for \$25,000, claiming that amount is due Streiff in wages.

## Wife Just Goes on a Visit.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Catherine Patterson, wife of M. G. Patterson, Aurora auto dealer, who disappeared last week, has returned to her home there. She explained her disappearance by saying she had gone to Rockford to visit a relative and asked a friend to notify her husband. The friend failed to do so.

## CLOSING OUT SALE.

On account of quitting farming I will have a closing out sale at my farm 6 1/2 miles east of Rock Falls, 3 miles south of Nelson, 4 1/2 miles northwest of Harmon, on

Thursday, Jan. 6, 1916

of the following property:  
11 Head of Horses: Gray gelding 6 years old; gray mare 8 years old; white mare 10 years old; sorrel mare 7 years old; bay mare 15 years old; black horse 15 years old; 2 geldings coming 3 years old; 2 geldings coming 2 years old; 1 spring colt.

9 Head of Cattle: 5 head of milk cows; 4 calves.

20 Head of Hogs: 15 spring shoats, 5 fall pigs.

Farm Machinery: 5 ft. McCormick mower, Great Western spreader, 2 box wagons, hay rack, bob sled, fanning mill, corn planter, broadcast seeder, 2 buggies, 2 harrows, walking plow, 2 sulky plows, Tower plow, Deere 2 row surface plow, feed grinder, corn sheller.

Usual Terms of Sale.

Free lunch at 11 o'clock. Sale to commence immediately after.

MRS. JOHN DAMKEN,

Proprietor.

Coe & Remley, Auctions.

M. E. Winger, Clerk.

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## PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a public sale at his place of residence 5 1/2 miles south and 1 mile east of Harmon, 9 miles northeast of Walnut, 10 miles northwest of Ohio station on

Thursday, Jan. 6,

1916, the following described property, to-wit:

20 Head of Horses: One black gelding 6 years old, weight 1500; 1 black mare 5 years old, in foal, weight 1600; 1 gray mare 5 years old, in foal, weight 1550; 1 black gelding 7 years old, weight 1550; 1 gray gelding 7 years old, weight 1400; 1 bay gelding 7 years old, weight 1400; 1 gray brood mare in foal, 14 years old, wt. 1600; 1 gray brood mare in foal, 13 years old, wt. 1300; 1 gray mare 4 years old, wt. 1350; 1 sorrel gelding 4 years old, weight 1200; 1 black gelding 3 years old, weight 1250; 1 gray gelding 3 years old, weight 1100; 1 gray mare 2 years old weight 1300; 1 black gelding 1 year old, weight 1000; 1 gray gelding, weight 1350; 1 bay driving mare 5 years old, weight 1000; 1 black mare 7 years old, weight 1300; 1 roan gelding 3 years old, weight 1200; 1 black mare colt 1 year old.

45 Head of Cattle: Ten 2-year old steers; 3 1-year old steers, 10 1-year old heifers, 3 2-year old heifers; 11 milk cows; 7 spring calves and one bull.

110 Head of Hogs and Shoats. Two good stock hogs.

Farm Machinery of all descriptions.

Some Household Furniture, 7 turkey gobblers and 7 turkey hens.

Free lunch at noon. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

Usual terms of sale.

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W. H. Kugler, Clerk.

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Dairy butter . . . . . 33 38

Lard . . . . . 10 15  
Eggs . . . . . 32 37  
Potatoes . . . . . 70 90

Spring chickens . . . . . 16 20  
Ducks . . . . . 15 22  
Geese . . . . . 18 22

Turkeys . . . . . 25 30

Poultry.  
Light hens . . . . . 8  
Heavy hens . . . . . 9

Springers . . . . . 10  
Old Toms . . . . . 10  
Indian Runners . . . . . 8

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Catherine Mossholder, Deceased.

The undersigned, having been appointed Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Mossholder, Deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Lee County, at the Court House in Dixon at the March, 1916, Term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1915.

CLINTON E. MOSSHOLDER, Administrator.

HARRY C. WARNER, Attorney.

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—Nurses' Record sheets at the B. F. Shaw Ptg. Co.

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ILLINOIS CENTRAL RY.

Correct time of all trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers and freight. Daily. Daily except Sunday.

South Bound.  
Local Express, Dly ex Sun 7:15 a.m.  
123 Southern Exp. 11:10 a.m.  
121 Clinton Exp. 5:10 p.m.

North Bound.  
132 Waterloo Exp. 10:06 a.m.  
124 Local Mail 5:10 p.m.  
120 Local Exp. 8:19 p.m.  
Freeport Freight 12:30 p.m.

CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.  
Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon. Daily except where otherwise specified:

East Bound to Chicago.  
No. 4v. Dixon Ar. Chicago  
6 3:23 a.m. 6:45 a.m.  
24 6:23 a.m. 9:05 p.m.  
28 7:21 a.m. dly ex Sun 10:30 a.m.  
18 8:05 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
10 11:19 a.m. 2:00 p.m.  
20 11:01 a.m. dly ex Sun 2:25 p.m.  
4 4:21 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:25 p.m.  
100 4:15 p.m. Sun. only 7:25 p.m.  
12 6:10 p.m. 8:45 p.m.

West Bound.  
No. 4v. Chicago Ar. Dixon  
5 7:00 a.m. ex Sun. 10:20 a.m.  
29 7:10 a.m. Sun only 10:23 a.m.  
13 10:30 a.m. 1:05 p.m.  
19 12:15 p.m. dly ex Sun 3:34 p.m.  
27 4:20 p.m. dly ex Sun 7:26 p.m.  
11 6:05 p.m. 8:40 p.m.  
25 6:10 p.m. 8:57 p.m.  
17 9:35 p.m. 11:53 p.m.  
\*7 10:00 p.m. 12:28 a.m.  
3 10:45 p.m. 1:57 a.m.  
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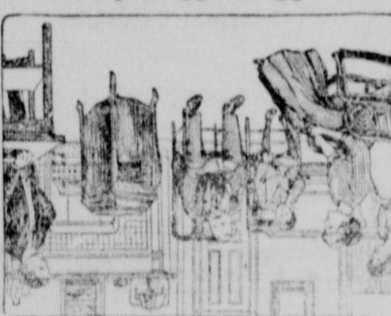
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**ARGONAUTS MAY GO THROUGH GERMANY**

Conditions So Strict They Are Virtually Prisoners.

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—The German government has granted the Ford peace expedition permission to travel to The Hague through Germany by special train. The party will leave Copenhagen next Friday.

The conditions under which the Americans will travel are strict. Their train will be sealed, everyone being locked within. No one will be permitted to touch German soil during the journey. The members of the mission will not be permitted to carry written, printed or typewritten papers. The concealment of any paper, even of an innocent character, will result in complications for the entire party. Other things that the party must abandon before reaching German territory are cameras, post cards, opera glasses and gold coin.

It is announced that the expedition will disband at The Hague on Jan. 12, most of the members returning home from Rotterdam on that day.

**N. M. FIGHT AT CAMP LOGAN**

Adjutant General Dickson Leaves for Washington to Complete Plans.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 4.—Adjutant General Frank S. Dickson will confer with Senator Chamberlain of Oregon regarding a demonstration of defense tactics by one or more regiments of the United States army and one or more divisions of the Illinois national guard.

The demonstration, according to the plans, probably will take place at Camp Logan.

**SALOONS ARE HAVING THEIR OWN TROUBLES**

Evangelist Appears with Bars in Air Over Licenses.

Aurora, Ill., Jan. 4.—Aurora saloon-keepers are wondering what is coming to them. Only seventeen saloon licenses have been issued since the expiration of the licenses Dec. 31, and the air is full of rumors of men whose applications are to be rejected.

And now comes "Bob" Jones, a southern evangelist of the "Billy" Sunday type, who announced before a congregation of 4,000 in the union tabernacle which has been erected on Stolp island, that for the next six weeks he would wage a war against the saloon, dancing and card playing.

There are thirty churches united in the revival meeting.

**NO COMPROMISE IS TAFT SLOGAN**

Former President Wants "Real" G. O. P. Named.

**CALLS MOOSE LEADERS TRICKY**

Declares Their Followers Are Returning to Republican Fold, and They Are Dickering to Appear as Securing a Compromise—Sees Peril in Conciliating Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Former President William H. Taft has given the Cincinnati Times-Star through its Washington correspondent, Gus J. Karger, an outline of his views on the suggestion that Theodore Roosevelt may be the Republican presidential nominee in 1916, or may be in a position to influence the nomination of a man of his choice. The article is particularly interesting as showing Mr. Taft's intimate feelings at the present day.

Mr. Karger's article appeared in the Cincinnati paper, which is owned by C. P. Taft, a brother of the former president. Mr. Karger quotes the former president as follows:

"Regular Republicans have shown no disposition to make themselves conspicuous in the political discussions of the day. Assured of the survival of their party, of its rehabilitation and restoration to a position of aggressiveness and militancy, they have been careful to throw no difficulty into the path of the returning brethren. Their silence seems to have been misinterpreted. Leaders of the old Progressive movement have taken advantage of it for purposes of self-aggrandizement.

Playing Unsuccessful Game.  
"And some of the leading men of the congress, although not identified with the progressive defection, anxious to remain in the good graces of both factional elements, have been playing a game of 'good Lord and good devil'—a game that can't be played successfully at this or any other time. It is this attitude on their part which has encouraged the Democratic-progressive propaganda looking to the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt or to that of some candidate of his choice and selection. Criticizes Leaders' Work.

"The Progressive voters who have come back attached no conditions to their coming. The leaders who are left without support are using their genius for publicity to the greatest advantage, in order that they may create the impression that they are really leading a large force which they will throw one way or the other as the nomination of the Republican party shall happen to please or displease them; and the most radical mistake the Republican party can make is to sacrifice its principles either in its platform or in the character of its nominee for the purpose of securing their support.

"If the Republican party will nominate a regular Republican, it can win; and if it cannot win with a regular Republican, it ought not to win in any event."

**ONE MAN KILLED; 10 INJURED**

Oil Tanker Explodes in Dry Dock at Brooklyn.

New York, Jan. 3.—One man was killed, ten were seriously injured and eighteen others are missing following an explosion of a 10,000 gallon tank of gas and fire on the steamship Aztec at a Brooklyn drydock.

An hour after the explosion occurred it was reported that twenty-five men were in the hold, cut off from rescue by the flames which enveloped the ship. The Aztec was a Norwegian oil tanker, under charter to the Inter-ocean Transport company of this city. It arrived from France on Dec. 24 and was at once sent into drydock.

**HUERTA IS DANGEROUSLY ILL**

Former Mexican Leader Underwent an Operation for Gall Stones.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4.—The condition of General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, who underwent an operation late Saturday for gall stones, is described as unchanged by his physicians.

That Huerta's condition is critical was admitted when physicians said the operation disclosed symptoms of a more complicated disease.

**REVERSES \$30,000 VERDICT**

U. S. Court of Appeals Acts in Kinney Breach of Promise Suit.

Washington, Jan. 4.—A \$30,000 verdict for breach of promise, which Mrs. Ida M. McNabb of Milwaukee won in the district supreme court here several months ago against John S. Kinney, a millionaire mine owner and lumberman of Palatka, Mich., was reversed by the court of appeals.

**King Peter at Saloniki.**

Rome, Jan. 4.—King Peter of Serbia arrived at Saloniki aboard an Italian destroyer from Brindisi. He conferred with General Sarail, the French chief of staff and Greek authorities, but did not land. He is expected to go to Athens to confer with King Constantine.

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Friday—Entire Change of Vaudeville—Theda Bara in "LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET"

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